

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present Application. No claims have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1 – 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101, as allegedly claiming the same invention as that of Claims 1 – 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,475,588 to Schottland et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Since the claims of the present application and that of Schottland et al. are different. Applicants were confused by this rejection. As a result, the image file wrapper (IFW) of the present application was reviewed via the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) site. In reviewing the IFW it was discovered that two IFW were scanned; one on September 17, 2002 (the correct application) and one on September 23, 2002 (the incorrect application). The September 23rd IFW is the Schottland et al. patent. The September 17th IFW is the present application. A copy of the PAIR IFW page for the present application is attached hereto with the two different applications noted as “1” and “2”.

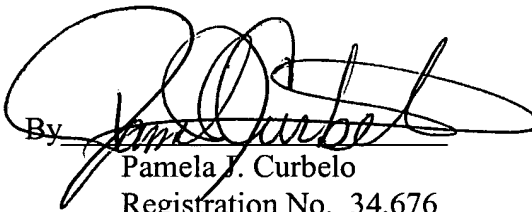
Considering that the claims of the present application are different from those in Schottland et al., and considering the scanning error, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are requested. Applicants further request removal of the second application that was scanned on September 23rd from the present file wrapper to eliminate future confusion.

It is believed that the foregoing remarks fully comply with the Office Action and that the claims herein are allowable to Applicants. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the case are requested.

If there are any additional charges with respect to this Amendment or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

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